

50TH REGULAR SESSION

a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the date fixed by law for the General Election in November, A. D. 1948, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon "FOR the Constitutional Amendment providing Workman's Compensation Insurance for county employees," and "AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment providing Workman's Compensation Insurance for county employees." Each voter shall scratch out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed Amendment. In counties or other subdivisions using voting machines, the above provision for voting for and against this Constitutional Amendment shall be placed on said machine in such a manner that each voter may vote on such machine for or against the Constitutional Amendment.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Passed the House, April 15, 1947: Yeas 124, Nays 7; House concurred in Senate amendments, June 5, 1947: Yeas 117, Nays 0; passed the Senate, as amended, June 4, 1947: Yeas 27, Nays 1.

Approved June 17, 1947.

To be voted at election to be held Nov. 1948.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—HOMESTEADS— TAX EXEMPTION

H. J. R. No. 35

Proposing an amendment to Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas to provide that Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) of the assessed taxable value of all residence homesteads as now defined by law shall be exempt from all taxation for all State purposes; providing the effective date; providing for the submission of said amendment to a vote of the qualified voters at an election and providing for necessary proclamation and publication.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Sections 1-b and 1-c be added to Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas to read as follows:

"Sec. 1-b. Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) of the assessed taxable value of all residence homesteads as now defined by law shall be exempt from all taxation for all State purposes.

"Sec. 1-c. Provided, however, the terms of this Resolution shall not be effective unless House Joint Resolution No. 24 is adopted by the people and in no event shall this Resolution go into effect until January 1, 1951."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the date fixed by law for the General Election in November, A. D. 1948, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon the following words:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment exempting Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) of the assessed taxable value of all residence homesteads from all State taxes," and

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment exempting Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) of the assessed taxable value of all residence homesteads from all State taxes."

Each voter shall scratch out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed amendment. In counties and other subdivisions using voting machines, the above provisions for voting for and against this Constitutional Amendment shall be placed

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on said machine in such manner that each voter shall vote on such machine for or against the Constitutional Amendment.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and Laws of this State.

Passed the House, June 2, 1947: Yeas 116, Nays 0; passed the Senate, June 5, 1947: Yeas 27, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1947.

To be voted at election to be held Nov. 1948.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—SHERIFFS, ETC.— COMPENSATION

H. J. R. No. 36

Proposing an Amendment to Section 61, Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas so as to provide that all sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, county law enforcement officers including sheriffs who also perform the duties of assessor and collector of taxes, and their deputies, constables, deputy constables, and precinct law enforcement officers shall be compensated on a salary basis in all of the counties in this State beginning January 1, 1949; providing for submission of this Amendment to the vote of the people of Texas; providing the time, means and manner thereof.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 61, Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 61. All district officers in the State of Texas and all county officers in counties having a population of twenty thousand (20,000) or more, according to the then last preceding Federal Census, shall be compensated on a salary basis. In all counties in this State, the Commissioners Courts shall be authorized to determine whether precinct officers shall be compensated on a fee basis or on a salary basis, with the exception that it shall be mandatory upon the Commissioners Courts, to compensate all constables, deputy constables and precinct law enforcement officers on a salary basis beginning January 1, 1949; and in counties having a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000), according to the then last preceding Federal Census, the Commissioners Courts shall also have the authority to determine whether county officers shall be compensated on a fee basis or on a salary basis, with the exception that it shall be mandatory upon the Commissioners Courts to compensate all sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, county law enforcement officers including sheriffs who also perform the duties of assessor and collector of taxes, and their deputies, on a salary basis beginning January 1, 1949.

"All fees earned by district, county and precinct officers shall be paid into the county treasury where earned for the account of the proper fund, provided that fees incurred by the State, county and any municipality, or in case where a pauper's oath is filed, shall be paid into the county treasury when collected and provided that where any officer is compensated wholly on a fee basis such fees may be retained by such officer or paid into the treasury of the county as the Commissioners Court may direct. All Notaries Public, county surveyors and public weighers shall continue to be compensated on a fee basis."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the date fixed by law for the General Election in November, A. D. 1948, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon: